establishment of this City, appeared to occupy no small share of his attention; and experience has proved that the seat of government could not have been placed in a more convenient situation for all the purposes of correct state policy. Besides this, it is impossible for the imagination to conceive a site more appropriate for the capital of a great nation than the one in question. The commanding mount, on which the Capitol rests, is truly emblematic of Legislative authority; the finely diversified hill and dale of the surrounding country, the magnificent banks of the Potowmack, and its waters boldly meandering through scenery of unequalled grandeur, combine to fill the spectator with awe, and give him a presentiment of the future high destinies of this embryo metropolis.

When national spirit and prosperity shall have attained a proper height, and miserable speculation give way to a generous encouragement of the arts, a Vitruvius and a Palladio may be found. The domes of science will then be seen raising their heads where now the stinkweed rattles in the breeze; the broad arc, embracing the Potowmack with its friendly arms, shall disencumber its tide